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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 50 NEW JOBS, \$12 MILLION INVESTMENT FOR CATAWBA CO.

RALEIGH—Gov. Mike Easley announced today that Pöppelmann, a leading plastics processing company, will locate its first U.S. manufacturing facility in Claremont creating 50 new jobs and \$12 million in investment for the state.

“North Carolina competed with Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia for this project and our #1 ranked business climate won again,” said Easley. “Pöppelmann’s decision to locate its first U.S. manufacturing facility in North Carolina is proof that our investments in education and infrastructure are bringing good jobs to hardworking families in our state.”

Pöppelmann will receive \$300,000 in One N.C. funds, as well as support from the city of Claremont, Catawba County, the Catawba County Economic Development Commission, the Golden LEAF Foundation, Duke Energy, the N.C. Department of Transportation and Catawba Valley Community College.

“By making smart, targeted investments in education, our workforce and economic investment tools such as the One North Carolina fund, we have earned the nation’s best business climate and a reputation that sets North Carolina apart from other states. In the past three years, the One North Carolina fund has helped us recruit more than 12,000 jobs and \$1 billion in investment for our state.”

Opening in 1949, Pöppelmann, a private German-owned company, is now one of the world’s leading plastics processing companies and employs 1,100 people worldwide. They manufacture high-quality plastic parts for the horticultural and automotive industries, as well as the food, medical and cosmetic industries. Construction on the company’s new 33,000-square-foot production building and 55,000-square-foot warehouse in the Claremont Industrial Business Park will begin this fall. The 50 new positions will include both office and production personnel and will have an average salary starting at \$596 per week.

“Today is a major milestone,” says Guido Schmidt, managing director of Pöppelmann Holding GmbH & Co. KG. “Our U.S. sales company has experienced fast growth since it was founded in 2001. After strengthening our position in the American market with the purchase of machines and molds from the Danish manufacturer Rosti OS, today’s decision represents yet another step in the dynamic development of our U.S. business.”

For more information on employment opportunities, visit the company’s website at <http://www.poeppelmann.com>.

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